

Court Clears Winchell In \$1,000,000 Libel Suit

By the Associated Press.

CHICAGO, Feb. 1. — Federal Judge John P. Barnes, ruling that no libel had been shown in the complaint, dismissed today a \$1,000,000 suit against Walter Winchell, columnist and radio commentator; his broadcast sponsor, the Andrew Jergens Co., and the Blue Network, Inc.

The suit, filed in behalf of George Washington Robnett, executive secretary of the Church League of America, alleged Mr. Winchell and his co-defendants conspired to defame Mr. Robnett and the league in discussions of the book "Under Cover" during broadcasts July 25, August 1 and September 19, 1943.

The judge granted J. A. Cobbey, attorney for the plaintiff, 30 days in which to file a new complaint.